

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Appl. No.	: 10/576,023 (U.S. National Stage of PCT/JP2004/018746	Examiner : D.A. Tezano
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For	: LIGHT-COLLECTING DEVICE AND SOLID-STATE IMAGING APPARATUS	

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT, WITH TRAVERSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir :

**ELECTION**

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement of March 4, 2009, in which the one month shortened statutory period for responding thereto runs to April 6, 2009 (April 4, 2009 being a Saturday), Applicant elects, with traverse, Group II, identified by the Examiner as including claims 9-15, drawn to an image sensor where pixels receive incident light according to the focal position of specially adjusted light-collecting devices.

**TRAVERSE**

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's restriction requirement.